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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary **Federal Communications Commission** 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re:

WC Docket No. 16-110

Withdrawal of Request for Special Temporary Authority for Axia

NGNetworks USA, Inc.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 5, 2016, Axia NetMedia Corporation ("Axia Canada" or "Transferor"), Axia NGNetworks USA, Inc. ("Axia U.S." or "Licensee"), and Digital Connection (Canada) Corp. ("DCC" or "Transferee") (collectively "Applicants"), through their undersigned counsel, filed with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission"), a Joint Application for Domestic Transfer of Control ("Joint Application") seeking a grant of authority that would allow the parties to consummate a transaction whereby DCC would acquire control of Axia U.S., a non-dominant carrier holding blanket domestic Section 214 authority from the Commission to provide interstate telecommunications services.

Shortly thereafter, on May 3, 2016, Applicants filed a Request for Special Temporary Authority ("STA") for a period of 60 days to allow Axia U.S. to continue to operate while Applicants' Joint Application was considered by the FCC.

As explained by Applicants in a Request to Withdraw their Joint Application, filed with the Commission on June 22, 2016, Applicants have substantially changed their business plans. At this time Axia Canada and Axia U.S. do not intend to consummate a transaction whereby DCC acquires control of Axia U.S. Rather, Axia Canada and Axia U.S. intend to enter into a transaction that would allow for the transfer of control of Axia U.S. to Axia NGNetworks Trust, a U.S. owned trust. Because Applicants seek to withdraw their Joint Application from FCC consideration, they no longer require the requested STA.

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Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Commission grant their Withdrawal of Request for Special Temporary Authority for Axia U.S. without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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